

No. 6503 號三零百五千六第 日九初月九年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1878. 五拜禮 號四月十英 港香 [PRICE \$21 PER MONTH.]

INTIMATIONS

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
 THURSDAY (SATURDAY) EVENING,
 OCTOBER 5TH, 1873.
 THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND
 OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY
 will produce
 MR SULLIVAN'S DRAMATIC CANTATA
 "TRIAL BY JURY."
 The Cantata will be preceded by OFFENBACH'S
 "LES CONTES D'OPERA."

See future announcements.

ONE DOLLAR.

Persons unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot
be admitted.

Yong, 3rd October, 1873. [165]

NOTICE

SIGN our FIRM per procuration from
Date. **WILSON AND SALWAY,**
Architects, &c. [1w1864
gkong, 3rd October, 1878.

NTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ice is hereby given that the **ORDINARY**
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE

on FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at Half-
two P.M.
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office.
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1878. [1863
ON OCTOBER 11, DINE STREET

CHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO.'S
 Making Rifles, Carbines, and Muskets, Model
 and 1873; Plain Mounted, or Gold, Silver,
 Nickel-Plated, and Beautifully Engraved.
METALLIC CARTRIDGES
 of all sizes and kinds for Pistols or Rifle of
 any make. [3ml647]

E. HASTEDY and Co., Agents for the British Bark "GLAMIS"
 against the PAID Mailed approved and counter-
 by us, and that we do not hold ourselves
 RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted
 by Captain, CREW, or Passengers, or Co-
 RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents for the Owners of the
 British Bark "GLAMIS"
 Singapore, 21st September, 1878. [Im1384

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.
 FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND
 SINGAPORE.
 The Steamship
 "ARRATOUN APCAL,"
 from A. B. Macartish, having arrived from
 Java Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are
 desired to send in their Bills of Lading to the
 Agents for Consignees, and to take
 delivery of their Goods.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Rangoon, 2nd October, 1878. [1w1669]
CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO,
"O. S. S. SONS & CO. SASSOON,"
FROM LIVERPOOL.
Shipping Orders must be obtained from
the Undersigned not later than SATUR-
day the 5th Oct for shipment per Steamer
"O. S. S. SONS & CO. SASSOON."
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Rangoon, 30th September, 1878. [1686]
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

hereby further that the Cargo should be
 loaded into Craft as indicated at the Godown
 is Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at
 consignee's risk, The Cargo will be ready for
 delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the
 1st September, 1878.
 Goods undelivered after the 5th October, will
 be subject to Rent.
 GEORGE FIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Singapore, 30th September, 1878. [1607]
 "STEAMSHIP "YANGTSE."
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.
 NOTICE

London, in connection with the above matter, are hereby informed that their Goods, consisting of Landed and on board Goods, which are at the disposal of the Godown, whence delivery may be made immediately after landing.

National Cargo will be forwarded on unless a notice is received from the Consignees before TO-DAY, the 30th instant, at 11 A.M., roding it to be landed here.

Goods of Lading will be counter-signed by the Consignees, and the Consignees are hereby notified.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 7th October, at Noon, will be subject to sale and landing charges.

Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. N. POUEY, Agent.

London, 30th September, 1878.

THE Steamship "MORAY"
 Discharged from the above Port, Consignees
 are hereby requested to send in their
 orders of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-
 signing, and to take immediate delivery of
 Goods.
 Should the discharge will be onos
 and stored at Consignees' risk and ex-
 penses.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Singapore, 23th September, 1873. [11/1323]
 FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "GLENARTNEY"
 Having arrived from the above Port, Consignees
 are hereby requested to send in their Goods
 and the exemption of Opium, are being landed
 under their risk into the Godowns of the Under-
 signed, whence to be from the Wharves or Boats
 wherry men.
 Goods will be forwarded unless notice

a Fire Insurance has been effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Shanghai, 17th September, 1878.

EXTRACTS.

AN OLD FRENCH BALLAD OF TRUINIS.

Gold or silver, every day.

Died to grey.

There are fashions in every skin.

Hours of work and hours of play.

Fads away.

Into one immense frame.

Shadow and substance, chief and grain.

Aro as vain.

As the foam and as the spray.

Life goes on, and life is vain.

One refrain.

If it could be always May.

The earth to green and gray.

The "fly" say.

Man is god-like in the main.

Though his little world away.

He-day say.

Powers spring of heart and brain.

Autumn brings a wind and rain.

That's the best.

Him and his to know deep.

Where undimmed the light that wane.

Would remain.

It could be always May.

You also must turn to May?

Flesh to clay.

Every day is a chain.

Man must work and men may pray.

But they may.

Every pleasant with a pain.

Life may seem and life may join.

To explain.

Where her prizes him and stay.

But we lack the lusty train.

We should gain.

If it could be always May.

From the London.

THE MONEY VALUE OF A WIFE.

In Rosendale, last week, reports the *Manchester Guardian*, the "rights and titles" of a wife were valued over by her husband, a minor case, for the sum of \$5 to another man, in a case where the husband was accused of the wife. About two years ago the husband and wife lived at Rosendale, when one night he came home the worse for drink, and she, to serve him out, applied a stiff mustard plaster to him while he slept. This led to a separation, she staying at Rosendale, he going to live in various places, and finally settling at a village two miles off. The man then offered to take the woman as "partner," and she agreed to accept him if he could arrange matters with her husband. On interviewing the husband the man was surprised to hear that \$10 was required for her. He did not think she was worth it, but ultimately he repaid to an inn, referring the matter to the arbitration of the landlord, who persuaded the husband to relinquish all claims to the wife for \$25. The transaction was thus ratified.

A BLUE STOCKING PARLIAMENT.

The French Pressmen, who acknowledge the influence of women, and grant warrants of constitution to lodges where the columns are adorned with sisters instead of brethren, placed a portion of their premises at the disposal of the ladies, who are now doing business in Paris the way of a dressmaker, to paraphrase the words of Edmund Burke, are to become "a sort of institute and digest of social anarchy." The hall on lodge room where the meetings are held has been hung round with English, Spanish, French, Italian, and Swiss flags. A table in the middle of the platform, where the *Worshipful Master* usually sits enthroned, has been placed for the lady president, and the two vice presidents, who are renegades of that sex against which women have now raised the standard of revolt. The posts of secretary and reporters were filled by ladies, French and American, some of the latter well known in the *Worshipful Master's* circle. As having been recently elected a member of the *Shorthand Writers' Association*, the members of the congress and delegates were shut out from the audience by a barrier, and the representatives of the Paris journals were alone permitted to enter the *audience*.

More than one gay, fearless knight of the pen, who had penetrated at the risk of his personal safety into all kinds of revolutionary meetings, was the avowed intention of his journal to depreciate, quailed under the eye of his female rival as she imperiously made room for him by her side at the reporter's table. The audience was of course entirely feminine. In the composition over 300 persons were present, and out of that number there were not more than five and twenty men. The scores appeared to have been reversed. The ladies were short-haired, and one or two of them displayed a propensity with an eye-glass. *Titillations*, *Requies*, would have been. They had railway collars, neatly tied, and, denational hats, and dressed in the most modern style of dress which has driven our ladies from the *carriage* to the tailor. The French, Italian, Spanish, and English delegates—the latter lady with the *homely* British name of *Emilia Venturi*—were not very happy specimens of the "ministering angel." Revenge for the slight that man had thrust or them had spurred them on. Mrs. Graham Jones, from Chicago, was an exception. No painter could have imagined a more handsome face. The lady was dressed according to the latest Paris fashion, and in costume, appearance, and language, contrasted strongly with her French and Italian colleagues. The thin, determined lips, and the cold, grey eyes, were made more than one tremble for Mr. Graham Jones and wonder whether he was the man who invented the patent india-rubber rolling-pin, which would serve every purpose of house-keeping, and wrap right round the head without hurting. There were other young and pretty ladies among the audience, and in the space reserved for the delegates, but no more. They were all dressed in the latest style of dress, and made a work hard to find clothes to cover our body. All these glancing remarks would, she said, be done away with when woman had her rights. She did not, however, withhold any further explanation. *Editor's Correspondent.*

SKEETHEES FROM SHADY PLACES.

Sketches in a Common Lodging-house.

It is one of the better class of these houses—that is to say, three-fourths of its tenants are hard lodgers—of those houses which has no tap of its own, but which has a plentiful supply of towels within easy reach. Three steps from the side door, across the court, will take you into one—a spacious glancing dining place, with half a dozen gleaming painted waitresses; a dozen steps up the street will land you in another and quieter one, much frequented by the more calculating "respectable single men;" while a couple of turns in a neighbouring alley will deposit you in one of those quietest of the way-drinking dens which shady people delight to haunt.

The hour is about seven o'clock on any winter evening in the week. The "reading-room"—a grimy, battered apartment on the ground-floor—which may hold about fifteen persons, is thronged. What with one thing or another, the atmosphere is extremely pleasant. It requires to be hardened to the thing to spend ten minutes in such a place without sighing. The occupants are all inveterate readers. They do nothing but work, eat, sleep, and read; and the three first in subordination to the last. Reading, indeed, though I have never seen a man in a room where one of the leading voices of the shady classes, its rotaries, though numerous enough, are fewer certainly than the numbers devoted to any other commanding vice, but to them it is fully as mischievous as are unlimited drinking, gaming, &c., to any of their fellows. A passionate reader of the *Illustrated*, a scientific treatise, or a volume of theology how ever dry, and read it through—whether he comprehends it or not—in lack of matter more entertaining. His delight, however, is in fiction, and, by preference, stories of modern, highwaymen, and pirates, and of extravagant adventures in exotic climes. These are the pot-herbs of the numerous "penny dreadfuls," and the common lodging-house reader purchases as many or these as he can, in this way securing material to last him through half his evenings. The other half is devoted to old volumes of all kinds—novels, history, biography, or travels, as they come to hand. I have seen men so intoxicated with reading that they would do nothing else, thus allowing themselves to be ruined utterly by their passion. Three remarkable instances came under my notice; nineteen or twenty years ago, in a large northern town. Two of them were the sons of widowed mothers on whose scanty work they depended; the third, a young man, had been launched in life as clerk. In each instance this insane passion for reading led the individual his situation; never afterwards—at least during the three years of my observation—did they do anything but gratify it. All three were notorious frequenters of the public library, where they spent the whole of the day, being the first to enter in the morning and the last to quit it at night. I never heard of any of the three ever wrote a line in his life or attracted any sort of notice as a person of information or literary taste. They were mere book devours.

These incessant readers are not popular in the common lodging-house. They do not mix well with those about them, seldom take part in drinking bouts, or indulge in horse play or practical joking. Worse still, their habit of reading in bed, and thus keeping lights burning, is very disagreeable to men accustomed to go to sleep in the dark, and is therefore a constant subject of quarrel. These readers, however, are a great many of the practical world, in a dream-world of their own. One of them cannot read a story without identifying himself with the hero. Hours not given to reading are spent in creating imaginary adventures; while he is eating the man is mentally playing the part of Peter Wilkins or Robinson Crusoe; on his way to work he is deep in a stirring battle, or a practical voyage; and at work it is his body only that toils in the merest mechanical fashion, for his spirit is involved in some wild and wonderful enterprise which never comes to an end. Their reading is an intoxication more fascinating and enduring than any other, and therefore more dangerous—and more costly because in a manner it is a poison. The man is a voracious reader, and less for appearance, less for the future, and less for anything that is practical than the most confirmed opium-eater or drunkard, and is at least as useless to himself and everybody else.

Passing from the reading-room to the kitchen, they are greeted by but a few of the three knots of three to six each who look still less in these smoky ill-lighted dens. One of these groups is engaged in drinking after a fashion peculiar to the common lodging-house. The chief of the group is a tall powerful fellow. Every time the measure before him is emptied he whips round and looks at the others, as if to see if they were as sober as he. The liquor is porter, the contribution a penny each. Having obtained the money, he goes out and fetches three pints of the stuff. He has been at this game since ten-and, and means to continue it as long as he can. Two men are sitting near observing what is going on in the kitchen, and as the conversation is on the half-penny whip round, "No!" replies one of the two, "while you keep the purse. When here you have been all the night putting the price of a pint in your pocket every time you went out." 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